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Dear Neptune City School District Stakeholders,

Our school district, and school districts across the nation, are fortunate to be able to apply for grant funding to mitigate losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant fund applications have become available in an ongoing manner and each application opportunity includes restricted allowable usage category requirements for the grant funds if they are awarded. We have applied for every application opportunity and we will be receiving the grant funds we are entitled to receive.

To date, here are the allowable usage categories and how our school district will be utilizing the grant funds:

- **Healthy and safe facilities** - This is the largest portion of grant funds opportunity to date and we will be utilizing the funds to upgrade our heating and air conditioning (HVAC) system. This exciting project will result in every room in the school district having the required filtered fresh air exchange to maintain the healthiest possible facility during the pandemic, then continue to serve our students, staff, and visitors who struggle with respiratory challenges such as allergies and asthma.
- **Learning acceleration** - We will be utilizing the funds to provide our students with after school and summer remediation and enrichment to make up for lost teaching time and learning due to the pandemic.
- **Mental health support** - The pandemic has placed tremendous pressures and stress on everyone around the world. We will be utilizing these funds to support our students and staff struggling from the pandemic.

While we have carefully followed all requirements, there is nothing to preclude us from seeking the input of our stakeholders as a best practice. Therefore, I cordially invite you to send me your input through my email address below. Please be confident that your input will be read, carefully considered, and highly valued for our Neptune City School District family. In the meantime, I hope that you and your families stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

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